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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 49, replace the paragraph starting at line 1 with the following paragraph: ✓

B<sup>1</sup>  
 $\beta$ -Aryl- $\beta$ -alanines were prepared in a one-pot reaction. In brief, to a solution of a substituted benzaldehyde in absolute ethanol was added malonic acid and excess ammonium acetate, and the reaction mixture was heated to reflux. The reaction mixture was cooled to yield a mixture of the  $\beta$ -aryl- $\beta$ -alanine and (in certain cases) a cinnamic acid derivative. The cinnamic acid (if present) was removed by acid/base extraction of the mixture to yield the  $\beta$ -aryl- $\beta$ -alanine, often in moderate to good yield. The process is depicted in Figure 3, and